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CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all Nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all talking, backsliding, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out he spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be denominated and known as the WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2.—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3.—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4.—The delegates from each church shall bear a Letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church: Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a Letter, and through inadvertence the Letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be eligible to office for more than four years consecutively.

ART. 6.—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9.—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the interval between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together, with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10.—The committees on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of the Association.

ART. 11.—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel Order.

ART. 12.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 13.—The Annual Session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the second Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 14.—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15.—This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by a tvoe of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice Moderator shall preside.

2—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9—When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10—After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12—All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.

2—Election of Officers.

3—Calling of Petitionary Letters.

4—Appointment of Committees.

5—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

6—Reports of Standing Committees.

7—Reports of other Committees.

8—Report of Treasurer.

9—Miscellaneous Business.

10—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.

11—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

KEITH, N. C., October 13th, 1903.

The Wilmington Association met this day in its third annual session with the Bethlehem Baptist Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. L. Vipperman. Text, Rev. 2:1. The theme was "God the Inspector of the Churches." After which a recess of one hour was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 2 P. M.

The Moderator appointed D. J. Corbett and L. R. Highsmith Reading Clerks. Also appointed T. A. Watson, F. J. Dempsey and D. N. Page as Finance Committee.

The roll of Churches was then called and the letters were brought forward and read.

The delegates were enrolled as follows:

Barlow's Chapel—R. S. Atkinson.
Berea—T. W. Stalling.
Bethlehem—G. W. Corbett, W. N. Anderson, W. C. Keith.
Blackwell's—F. J. Dempsey, T. A. Watson.
Burgaw—John Savage, J. K. Brown, J. T. Bland.
Brooklyn—J. L. Vipperman, D. L. Gore, L. Larkins.
Caintuck Chapel—Andrew Moore, W. J. Flynn, T. W. Marshal.
Caswell—W. D. Malpass. Luke Glisson, George Kelly.
Catharine's Lake—By Letter.
Castle Haynes—By Letter.
Delgado—E. J. Edwards.
Emma's Chapel—By Letter.
Haw Bluff—G. V. Russ, W. H. Barnhill, J. M. Brown.
Jacksonville—I. E. Ketchum.
Long Creek—G. A. Herring, J. S. Devane, I. K. Russell.
Masonboro—R. H. Hewlett Addison Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—W. J. Hollingsworth, N. R. Croom, Eli Larkins.
Mt. Holly—Bedford Moore.
Olive Branch—T. K. Woody, McIver Walton.
Olivet—E. D. Walker, Leslie McAllister,
Providence—
Riley's Creek—M. L. Rook, D. W. Walker.
Shiloh—A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland.
South Side—C. B. Paul, R. B. Moore, J. W. Wheeler.
Salem—

Tar Landing—D. N. Page.
Teachey's—W. S. Teachey.
Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, R. C. Bland.
Wilmington—J. R. Marshal, S. G. Hall. R. M. Wescott.
Willard—A. Turner, Willie Turner.
Bear Branch—Wm. Moore.
Atkinson—W. H. Lewis, Clarence Barnhill. Jessie Lewis.
Harmony—D. J. Eakins, B. C. Malpass, W. M. Gurganeus.

On motion the Association ordered that that part of the letters from Well's Chapel and Teachey's, asking for next session of the Association, be laid on the table.

On motion the rules were suspended and the Secretary cast ballot of the Association for J. T. Bland, Moderator; J. J. Payseur, Vice-Moderator; R. S. Atkinson, Treasurer. The Moderator cast the ballot for Addison Hewlett for Clerk

Moderator appointed J. A. Smith as Chairman of Committee on Foreign Missions, and E. J. Edwards as Chairman of Committee on Home Missions.

Petitionary letters from Atkinson and Harmony Baptist Churches, recently organized, asking admission were read.

On motion of E. J. Edwards the Moderator appointed M. C, Walton. J. L Vipperman and D. L. Gore as Committee to examine as to the orthodoxy of these new churches.

Letter from Bear Branch asking for admission on letter of dismission from Eastern Association was read. Motion was carried that the Church be accepted, and Moderator welcomed the delegates to a seat in our body.

Moderator appointed Pastor and Deacons of this church Committee on Religious Exercises.

In absence of Dr. Blackwell, who was to preach the Missionary Sermon, the Association elected Brother J. A. Smith to fill his place.

On motion Article 13th of the Constitution was ordered changed so that it may read: "The Annual Session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the second Lord's day in October at such place as may be chosen."

Brother J. S. Farmer, of the Recorder, was welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion W. J. Hollingsworth, R. B. Moore and T. W. Marshal were appointed Committee on place of next meeting. Also to name preachers for Introductory and Missionary sermons.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report. Devotional exercises tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, conducted by Brother E. J. Edwards. Sermon at the stand at 11 o'clock by Brother M. C. Walton.

Committee appointed to examine into the orthodoxy of Atkinson and Harmony Baptist Churches report as follows:

We, your Committee, would report that we have examined the credentials of Atkinson and Harmony Baptist Churches and we do most

heartily recommend that these Churches be accepted.

M. C. WALTON,
J. L. VIPPERMAN,
D. L. GORE,
Committee.

Report of Committee was adopted and Moderator welcomed the delegates from these Churches.

Motion carried that the Association invite Brother J. A. Oates to address the body on temperance Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, Brother Vipperman to telegraph Brother Oates concerning the invitation.

Association adjourned. Brother J. J. Payseur pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by E. J. Edwards, after which the Moderator called the Association to order. Roll of churches called and Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Motion by R. H. Hewlett that the rules be suspended and that the report on State Missions and report of Executive Committee be heard in the afternoon, that we might hear from Secretary L. Johnson who had not yet arrived. Motion carried.

The report on Home Missions was submitted and read by E. J. Edwards.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga. Its field is the Southern Baptist Convention territory and the Island of Cuba. We are glad to note that the Diaz affair has been fully explained and the Home Board vindicated. So long as we have destitution within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there is still a great field of usefulness for the Home Board. We now receive about three thousand dollars annually from this source and have for a number of years. We pledged last year ten thousand dollars to this work and we would urge that each Church take at least one collection during the year for its support. God's blessings have richly attended this department of our work and the churches cannot afford to neglect their part in the work and thereby miss their part of the blessing.

E. J. EDWARDS, for Committee.

Brethren J. S. Farmer, G. P. Harrill and J. L. Vipperman spoke to report, after which it was adopted.

M. C. Walton submitted and read the following report :

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your Committee would call the attention of our great Baptist brotherhood throughout the State to the fact that there is no more important duty devolving upon us, as a denomination, than that of providing for the aged and infirm preachers of the Gospel, who, on account of their fidelity to the cause so dear to us all, have failed in a great measure to make provisions for the comforts of life after they are worn out and no longer fit for service.

Dr. W. C. Tyree, of Raleigh, is the President of this Board with headquarters at Durham, N. C. According to our best information there are about twenty-five at present who receive aid from this fund, one-third of which is put on deposit as an endowment fund.

We most earnestly request that the pastors and churches of this Association make this one of the first considerations in all the work that lies before them.

M. C. WALTON.
G. A. HERRING,
H. A. BLAND.

D. L. Gore spoke to the report, after which it was adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted and read by J. A. Smith.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The grandest work in which christians can engage is that of evangelizing the world. Before Jesus left here for Heaven He said to His disciples "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved ; but he that believeth not shall be damned." This last great command of Jesus Christ forever settles the question of the advisability of sending the gospel to all the Nations of the earth and clearly defines our christian duty and personal responsibility as christians. A failure to discharge this great duty means spiritual stagnation, and perhaps all the woes and sorrows incident to the second death. With feelings of profound gratitude we, as Baptists, can refer to the fact that we have been the pioneers of modern missions. Christianity is a growing force in the world notwithstanding the evil prophecy of skeptics and unbelievers, and it is to day growing with a rapidity never equalled in any age of its history since the ascension of our Lord. This fact should stimulate us to the greatest degree of activity in the prosecution of our foreign missionary work. Already we have Missionaries and mission stations in nearly all parts of the world and it is our duty to increase as rapidly as possible the number of our missionaries and lend a listening ear to that voice which comes to us from Macedonia saying "Come over and help us." The appeal which comes to us from the dying millions on heathen shores is pathetic and powerful, and cold and selfish is the heart which fails to quickly respond to these long and loud appeals. Your Committee to whom had been entrusted the great responsibility of preparing this report would earnestly recommend that our pastors and churches make more diligent efforts to bring the work of the foreign field more prominent before the minds and hearts of our people. We would urge our pastors to preach more to their people on the subject of foreign missions and furnish them with all needful information. We believe it to be the binding duty of all tqe members of our churches to contribute of their means to support of the Gospel in heathen lands. We are known to all men as "Missionary Baptists." Let us therefore not only possess the significant name but prove to all men by our faith and good work that we merit the title. In closing this report we urge our people to subscribe for the Foreign Missionary Journal published at Richmond, Va. This journal furnishes the names and location of all our missionaries and telle us what they are doing toward the evangelization of the world.

J. A. SMITH,
A. T. HERRING,
A. L. PRIDGEN,
Committee.

Missionary sermon was preached by J. A. Smith at 11 A. M., after which the Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by E. J. Edwards.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2 P. M.

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Report of Executive Committee was read by D. L. Gore, Chairman of Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee was asked by your body to apportion the Churches so as to get up enough money to employ a man on our Onslow field, consisting of Jacksonville, Emma's Chapel, Tar Landing and Catherine Lake, all in Onslow county. And in addition to this, we were to employ a Colporter to sell books and other literature, also preach at intervals in the bounds of the Association.

We apportioned the Churches to the amount of $610.00 in all. A list is hereto attached showing amount each Church was to pay. This $610.00 was to be supplemented by the Chairman of this Committee by 25 per cent of all money paid to this object by the Churches. Our Treasurers report is also hereto attached showing how much each Church has paid, amounting in all to $125.08.

We called Brother C. B. Paul first to the Onslow field, and he declined emphatically. We then called Rev. E. J. Edwards, and he, after some little delay, also declined. Then the Jacksonville Church called Brother C. B. Edwards to serve them till after this Association convened. We then called Brother W. H. VanHoy to serve the other three Churches of the Onslow field, we promising to supplement his salary 25 per cent on any amount he got on the field. We also called Brother J. D. Hocutt to serve as Colporter, and thought he was going to serve but his health prevented it.

We are sorry that many of our preachers and laymen have not been able, or at least have not attended our Union Meetings regularly the past year. And while the Union Meeting, strictly speaking, is the meeting in which the Executive Committee reports their work to the members of the Association, the majority of our Committee have not been able to attend regularly. We hope the next Executive Committee will have meetings once a month, or oftener, and all attend it. At least three of the Committee should live near together ; we mean near enough so the Chairman can count on a quorum of his Committee meeting at any time when called for business.

We think the funds for carrying on this work are easily raised, if all our preachers and prominent laymen will get to work in earnest and push the matter.

About co-operation with the State Board, we are satisfied our successors will be willing to do the work as now laid out as Associational Missions, or let all funds be sent by the Treasurer to the State Board and the Executive Committee draw on them for the funds to pay our men on the field. Which ever way is, the most effectual can be done. But we think we should unite on one or the other of these plans. We think our church members, as a rule, ought to read more, and especially all of them should take the Biblical Recorder and the North Carolina Baptist. We must read or we can never develop as we should.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. GORE,
D. N. PAGE,
J. S. CANADY,
D. J. CORBETT,
H. A. BLAND,
Committee.

Report on State Missions was submitted and read by J. L. Vipperman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Realizing the transcendently great and important work of evangelizing our own beloved State, and turning her mighty resources and possibilities to the glory of our God, and knowing that our State Mission work lies at the foundation of all our work, and realizing that we are so well remunerated for this work, we, your Committee, recommend that we renew our zeal in the work, and our gratitude to God for His great blessings upon our enlarged endeavors in this direction. Last year we worked on a basis of $25,000, and God has blessed us in our work. In Acts 1:8, the ascending Lord outlined first, our territory; secondly, our equipment; thirdly, the evidences of the received power. Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Home Missions when He said Samaria, Foreign Missions when He said uttermost parts of the earth, State Missions when he said Jerusalem and Judea. His view of the magnitude of our work and our responsibility the same.

We recommend that we make earnest efforts to do more the next year than ever before. If we reach the perishing millions of Brazil, Italy, Japan, China, Mexico and Africa we must rise up in our might and support as never before our own State Mission work.

J. L. VIPPERMAN, for Committee.

Secretary L. Johnson was present and in his earnest and impressive manner spoke to the report. D. J. Corbett, J. L. Vipperman and D. L. Gore also spoke to reports, after which they were adopted.

On motion of Brother Paul the Association ordered that pledges be made to State Missions instead of Associational Missions as before, and that the money raised by the Churches be sent to our Treasurer at Raleigh.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a standing Committee on General Education.

Brother S. G. Hall made a short address to the Association as to the best way of bringing about a more systematic mode of giving within our churches and offered to print, free of charge, circulars to be distributed among the churches of this Association as helps in this direction. Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a committee to confer with Brother Hall in the getting up of these circulars. Brethren J. L. Vipperman, R. H. Hewlett and J. W. Wheeler were appointed.

Motion carried that the Executive Committee be authorized and empowered to make an apportionment to the Churches for State Missions for the following year. It was also ordered that this apportionment be included in the Minutes.

On motion the Moderator appointed W. J. Hollingsworth, R. M. Wescott and J. L. Vipperman a Committee to nominate members of the Executive Committee.

Report on Periodicals and Religious Literature was submitted and read by J. J. Payseur.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We think that in proportion as our people are informed concerning

the objects of our denominational work, just so will their zeal be increased and their contributions enlarged. To this end we would most earnestly urge that our people take and read all the good literature possible. Let every family take the "Biblical Recorder," which for the past seventy years has been the organ of our Convention, and which for all of these years has been a faithful exponent of Baptist principals and Baptist progress. We would also recommend the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, The Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field. We also recommend that our people read such books as "What Made Me a Baptist," by C. A. Jenkins, "Grace Truman," "Life of Dr. Yates," and also the tracts gotten out by our Boards, which give a clear knowledge of our denominational work. These can be gotten simply for the asking.

We also recommend the reading of good magazines, such as the Review of Reviews and "Success," also The Youths Companion, The Baptist Union and others for young people.

We must read if we wish to advance.

J. J. PAYSEUR, for Committee.

Report was spoken to by J. J. Payseur, M. C. Walton, D. L. Gore J. T. Bland, J. S. Farmer and G. P. Harril, after which it was adopted.

The Committee on Place of Meeting report.

The next session of this Association will be held at Well's Chapel, Sampson county, Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1904.

Introductory Sermon—R. H. Hewlett.

Missionary Sermon—C. B. Paul.

W. J. HOLLINGSWORTH, for Committee.

Report was adopted.

Moderator appointed the following standing Committees:

Home Missions—J. A. Smith, W. H. Lewis and L. Larkins.

Foreign Missions—J. L. Vipperman, F. J. Dempsey, G. A. Herring.

State Missions—C. B. Paul, W. C. Keith, J. D Hocutt.

Ministerial Education—R. H. Hewlett, T. W. Marshall D. J. Eakins.

Ministerial Relief—J. W. Wheeler, E. D. Walker, N. R. Croom.

Orphanage—E. J. Edwards, W. D Malpass. L. R. Highsmith.

Periodicals and Religious Literature—J. A. Smith, J. L. Vipperman, D. L. Gore.

Temperance—M. C. Walton, W. J. Hollingsworth, Leslie McAlister.

Sunday Schools—J. J. Payseur, D. J. Corbett, J. S. Canady.

General Education—C. B. Paul, M. C. Walton, D. W. Walker.

Associational History and Obituaries—R. M. Wescott, G. W. Corbett, Eli Larkins.

Committee on Religious Exercises report:

Sermon at stand at 11 A. M. to-morrow by C. B. Paul. Devotional exercises at 9:30, conducted by J. R. Marshall.

The following resolution was offered by T. A. Watson:

"Resolved that this Association request Brother Vipperman to have his Introductory Sermon printed, and that a collection be taken to pay for two thousand copies of the same and that they be distributed among the Churches of the Association."

The Moderator appointed J. L. Vipperman, R. B Moore and T. W. Marshal a Committee to confer with Brother S. G. Hall in regard to having the sermon printed.

Association adjourned.

THURSDAY—MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. R. Marshal, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The roll of Churches was called, after which the Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a Committee to nominate delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions. Brothers Eli Larkins, Andrew Moore and M. C. Walton were appointed.

Moderator appointed any one of our delegates who may visit any other Association as corresponding delegate.

Committee appointed to confer with Brother Hall, in regard to having the Introductory sermon printed, report:

"We, your Committee, have talked with Brother Hall regarding the printing of the Introductory Sermon and he agreed to print two thousand copies for fifteen dollars. We would recommend that they be printed and that a collection be now taken for the same."

Report of Committee was adopted and a collection taken, which amounted to six dollars and seventy-four cents. This amount being less than half the required amount, motion was carried that each church of the Association send fifty cents to Brother S. G. Hall and that he turn over to the Treasurer of the Association whatever received over the required amount.

Committee to nominate State and Southern Baptist Conventions delegates report.

Southern Baptist Convention delegate—J. L. Vipperman.

State Convention Delegates—C. B. Paal, J. A. Smith and R. H. Hewlett.

Adopted.

On motion the Chairman of the Executive Committee was made a member of the State Mission Board.

On motion the Association ordered that hereafter the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention be paid by the Association, and that the Churches be requested to send money for this object.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee report D. L. Gore, D. J. Corbett, J. S. Canady, D. N. Page, W. J. Hollingsworth. Report adopted.

The report on Education was submitted and read by C. B. Paul.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Baptists of our State look with pride to the stand our denomination has always taken in regard to education. Wake Forest College, the Baptist Female University, Chowan Baptist Institute, Oxford Female Seminary, together with the associational schools of our State, have been and still are wielding an influence for good that is immeasurable.

Besides the schools which are owned and controlled by our denomination there are numerous others conducted by private individuals, that to all intent and purpose are denominational schools. These we believe should receive our sympathy and hearty co-operation, since eternity alone can measure their influence for good upon our denomination. Among these last named schools we would especially commend

to Brethren of this Association Excelsior High School at Atkinson, N. C., conducted by Rev. J. J. Payseur. This school, though in its infancy, promises through the matchless energy and sacrifice of its Principal, together with the assistance of his wife and the other competent teachers he has associated with him, advantages to our boys and girls that they can hardly get elsewhere. In view of these facts we would recommend that a Committee be appointed to advise steps to be taken that will put this school in more vital relation to our denomination, arouse ourselves more thoroughly on the subject of education and aid in every way possible the poor boys and girls in their efforts to be educated.

Apart from education in general we do earnestly bring before this Association Ministerial Education in particular. Experience teaches us that there is no object more important than this. Education is power and when this power is harnessed by the grace of God and directed along the line of evangelical religion it means much to our denomination, and to the cause of christianity in general. The history of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina during the last fifty years proves very clearly that the ministers who have wielded an everlasting influence in our denomination and done much to strengthen our cause in our own and other States have been men who were educated at our own Wake Forest College and aided by the Educational Board. Even now we have about forty young men at Wake Forest preparing themselves for the ministry who are aided by this Board with others anxious to enter as soon as means can be provided. In view of these facts your Committee most earnestly recommend that the Wilmington Association prove its loyalty to this worthy object by contributions as liberally as possible to this cause.

C. B. PAUL,
J. A. BLANCHARD,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by C. B. Paul, J. A. Smith, R. M. Wescott, J. J. Payseur, D. L. Gore and J. L. Vipperman, after which it was adopted.

On motion the Moderator appointed Committee, recommended by Committee on Education, to devise steps to be taken in regard to Excelsior High School—J. L. Vipperman. D. L. Gore, M. C. Walton, W. C. Keith and J. S. Devane to compose the Committee.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by R. H. Hewlett.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We believe the work done by Brother T. Neil Johnson as Secretary of the Sunday School Board will count in the years to come and we are very sorry that our people did not co-operate with him in his endeavors to lift the work on a higher plane. The Sunday School Board at present has no Secretary, but we believe that the work in our bounds should be prosecuted along the same line indicated by Brother Johnson. This is, to get our teaching force better prepared to teach. However we think that in the beginning of this work that it will be necessary to have a meeting of our Sunday Schools in a kind of rally. Hence, we recommend that a Committee of three be appointed by Moderator to select place and arrange programme for such a meeting. As to time we think one of the fifth Sunday's this winter or spring will be best. We beg your prayerful consideration of this great work called by Dr. Broadus "one of the greatest movements of the age."

R. H. HEWLETT,
C. B. PAUL,
Committee.

Report was spoken to by R. H. Hewlett and was then adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee to arrange for the Sunday School Rally as to time and place, also programme: R. H. Hewlett, R. B. Moore, I. E. Ketchum.

Report on Temperance was submitted and read by M. C. Walton.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee takes great pleasure in saying that this movement is one of the grandest and most inspiring of this generation and is truly a growing sentiment and we look forward to the time not far distant when, so far as the saloon and distillery are concerned, that North Carolina will be a prohibition State. But while we rejoice in this we are often made sad to know that the secret wine traffic is doing a great deal of injury to the cause. We trust, however, that we shall soon see all of our people rise above all these things.

M. C. WALTON, for Committee.

The report was spoken to by M. C. Walton and R. B. Moore, after which it was adopted.

Association adjourned for one hour for dinner.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2 P. M.

Motion carried that the funds now in the hands of the Treasurer for Associational Missions be sent to Treasurer Durham at Raleigh, same to be used for State Missions.

The report on Orphanage was submitted and read by J. R. Marshal.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

There are at present two hundred and sixty children being cared for at the Orphanage, and there are now other buildings in process of erection that will accommodate about four hundred.

There is no more telling work being done by us as Baptists than gathering in the fatherless children of the State; feeding, clothing and training them.

Our contributions for the following year should be advanced so as to meet the increased demands by the enlarged number of orphans cared for. We should remember that the current funds are to be raised by the Churches year by year.

J. R. MARSHAL,
W. C. KEITH,
A. B. ROOK,
Committee.

Report was spoken to by G. P. Harrill, pastor at the Orphanage, and J. R. Marshal, after which it was adopted.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to more than eighteen dollars.

On motion pledges were taken for the different objects.

Motion carried that the apportionment made by the Executive Committee be put in the Minutes.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by the Clerk and report received and the money was ordered to be turned over to the Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amount Cash to the Association:

State Missions	$ 96.57
Home Missions	28.55
Foreign Missions	34.23
Gospel Missions	4.00
Orphanage	49.13
Ministerial Education	16.00
Ministerial Relief	24.00
Poor	75
Minute Fund	27.13
	$280.30

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Brother J. L. Vipperman:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Bethlehem Church and the citizens of the community for their cordial and generous hospitality.

The business of the session being finished the Moderator asked J. A. Smith to pronounce the Benediction, after which the third session of the Wilmington Association adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Wells' Chapel on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1904.

J. T. BLAND, Moderator.

ADDISON HEWLETT, Clerk.

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Apportionment made by Ex. Com. for State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.
Atkinson	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barlow's Chapel	35.00	5.00	15.00	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Berea	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	35.00	4.00	5.00	.....	5.00	3.00	2.00
Bear Branch	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blackwells	5.00	1.00	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	1.00
Burgaw	50.00	5.00	.....	30.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Brooklyn	40.00	15.00	20.00	.....	10.00	10.00	5.00
Canetuck	40 00	3.00	15.00	.....	10.00	3.00	3.00
Caswell	25.00	1.00	3.00	.....	5.00	1.00	1.00
Catherine's Lake	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Castle Haynes	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delgado	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Emma's Chapel	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haw Bluff	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonville	30.00	2.00	2.00	.....	5.00	2.00	.....
Harmony	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek	20.00	5.00	.....	15.00	5.00	5.00	3.60
Masonboro	35.00	2.00	.....	20.00	5.00	2 00	2.00
Moore's Creek	30.00	1.00	4·00	.....	5.00	1.00	1.00
Mount Holly	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olivet	5.00	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	.....	.....
Providence	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riley's Creek	35.00	5.00	7.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	1.00
Shiloh	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Side	40 00	15.00	20.00	.....	20.00	10.00	5.00
Salem	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tar Landing	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Teacheys	40.00	2.00	.....	10.00	5.00	1.00	3.00
Wells' Chapel	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington	200.00	100.00	100.00	.....	60·00	.....	5.05
Willard	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastors Salary	Improvements.	Other Church Expenses.	Totals.	Present Indebtedness.	Value Church Property.	W. F. C. and B. F. U.
Atkinson	4.00	5.00	8 40	...	2.00	25.00	....	25.00	18.00	1.58	100.00	....	....	188.98	.....	....	....
Barlow's Chapel	23.70	5.15	11.72	....	5.68	....	5.00	..	5.00	2.00	135,00	....	49.25	241.56	....	$ 1000	....
Berea	50	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	..	.	....	....	50	50 00	....	....	54 00	.....	300	....
Blackwell's	....	2.00	2.00	.	2.00	....	2.00	....	....	50	36.00	.....	.....	44 50	....	....	...
Jethlehem	15.00	5.00	10 00	11.00	10.00	1.00	4.53	....	...	1.25	125.00	....	60.00	263 78	.....	500	..
Pear Branch	2.75	....	.....	....	50	....	..	....	....	25	....	....	.....	3.50	.....	....	....
Burgaw	20.00	2 50	.	30.43	5 00	5.00	2 50	.....	....	1 05	137.00	.....	40.06	256.48	....	1500	...
Brooklyn	50.00	5.54	15 06	.....	.....	....	...	5.00	....	1.00		.....	151.00	227.66	...	7000	...
Canetuck Chapel	40.00	3.00	15.00	.....	5.00	3 00	3.00	....	3 00	1.50	125.00	.....	.....	597.50	.....	350	...
Caswell	7 43	.....	6.42	.....	7 52	. .	1.50	2 00	....	1.00	125.00	.....	.....	1150.57	8.75	800	....
Catherines Lake	...	3.50	1.00	.....	.....	..	....	....	...	50	.....	....	....	5.00	.....	.. ..	....
Emma's Chapel	1.00	3.00	2.00	....	3.00	1.00	...	.....	.	....	50 00	.. ..	.....	60.00	.....	500	....
Haw Bluff	1 50	2.00	2.31	.....	1 50	1.00	1.00	75	7 31	75	100 00	. ...	54.52	172.56	25.00	400	....
Harmony	1 00	1 00	1.60	.....	1.00	1 00	1.00	. .	15.00	...	100.00	178.80	2.29	382.29	....		....
Jacksonville	2.50	2.00	1.00	1.00	4 00	....	1.50	.....	....	50	65.43	5.40	.....	83 33	.....	1500	....
Long Creek	3.80	. ..	....	17 25	2.00	1.00	1.00	.....	....	....	100.00	...	.....	125.05	.....	500	...
Masonboro	3.00	1.00	. .	15 00	3 00	..	1.20	10.00	20.00	1.00	100 00	.....	.....	153.20	20.00	750	...
Moore's Creek	13.00	1.00	6.40	5 00	5.00	1.00	1.00	3.50	10·40	1.00	125 00	.....	...	172.20	.....	500	....
Mt. Holly	3.22	....	2.00	....	3 90	.	1.25	....	....	75	89 00	.....	....	91.12	....	800	...
Olive Branch	75	1.00	25	.....	....	...	....	.....	....	....	60.00	25.00	.....	87 00	.....	500	....
Olivet	4.00	.....	...	2 00	2.00	....	....	.	....	50	45.00	.....	.....	53 00	.. .	450	....
Riley's Creek	7 00	.....	1 00	3 00	.....	1.00	....	3 00	..	1.40	100.00	. ...	.....	116.00	....	600	....
Shiloh	10.00	....	.....	15 00	2 06	....		....	....	....	60 00	.....	24.00	111.06	....	500	. ..
South Side	40.00	15 00	22.89	.....	47.50	10.00	5.00	13.00	....	2.00	402.00	110.00	198.00	984.74	440.00	2000	7.00
Tar Landing	10	10	10	....	10	....	....	. .	....	50	.....	.....	.....	90	....	400	....
Teachey's	6.85	6 00	6.01	2.00	4 05	2.74	3 50	5.15	..	2.25	125 00	....	.....	266.64	.....	1000	2.19
Well's Chapel	11.50	.....	2.64	385.00	5.85	...	3.25	.....	28.92	1.25	150.00	.....	.....	587 81	.....	800	
Wilmington	195.40	111.67	50.00	5.00	40 00	....	5.00	104.88	....	4.00	.....	.....	950.75	7546.70	.....	40000	13.00
Willard	2 00	2.00	1 00	. ..	2.00	1.00	1.00	.....	....	75	100.00	. .	.....	109.75	.....	800	
Totals	569.80	178.36	168.60	495.68	165.56	53.74	44 33	152.28	42.63	27.38	2535 43	312 20	1529.87	6277.32	493.75	63450	22.19

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.		
	Baptized.	Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Letter.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Atkinson	12	4	1	....	...	....	37	34	71
Barlow's Chapel	36	5	2	...	2	....	62	67	129
Berea	....	....	...	....	....	....	38	39	77
Blackwell's	....	..	....	....	1	2	.....	.....	28
Bethlehem	7	8	2	2	6	4	69	98	167
Bear Branch	....	....	....	....	..	....	26	24	50
Burgaw	1	..	....	....	...	2	54	62	117
Brooklyn	8	6	1	2	1	6	61	107	168
Canetuck Chapel	6	...	...	4	1	5	62	82	144
Caswell	2	2	...	....	1	3	31	62	93
Catherine Lake	....	2	....	....	....	....	5	17	22
Castle Haynes									
Delgado									
Emma's Chapel	....	....	....	....	...	1	23	37	60
Haw Bluff	12	1	1	....	...	....	50	75	125
Harmony	7	35	....	....		....	15	27	42
Jacksonville	1	2	....	....	1	1	9	16	25
Long Creek	3	....	....	....	..	..	54	65	119
Masonboro	1	1	...	....	....	....	50	69	119
Moore's Creek	3	5	....	....	....	4	39	46	85
Mount Holly	2	....		1	1	..	41	68	109
Olive Branch	2	....	...	....	1	1	37	85	82
Olivet	....	...	...	....	1	3	10	28	38
Providence									
Riley's Creek	..	...	....	4	1	3	69	90	159
Shiloh	8	3	2	....	....	3	52	83	135
Salem									
South Side	10	10	...	6	2	3	66	117	183
Tar Landing	3	3	...	....	..	...	7	14	21
Teachey's	2	3	...	2	....	1	60	78	138
Well's Chapel	18	...	4	....	1	4	111	140	251
Wilmington	4	29	....	....	2	19	162	316	478
Willard	1	...	...	..	1	1	81	55	96

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Atkinson—J. J. Payseur. J. H. Dobson.
Burgaw—M. C. Walton. J. D. Hocut.
Brooklyn—J. L. Vipperman.
Catharine Lake—N. A. Shelly.
Masonboro—R. H. Hewlett.
Nount Holly—R. J. Bateman.
South Side—C. B. Paul, J. W. Wheeler, L. Bryan.
Teacheys—L. B. Boney.
Wilmington—J. A. Smith, J. E. King, J. R. Marshall, A. T. King.

LICENTIATES.

Long Creek—H. E. Brinson.
Teacheys—Francis Savage.

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Atkinson	J. J. Payseur	Atkinson	C. A. Barnhill	Atkinson	1st Sunday.
Barlow's Chapel	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	R. S. Atkinson	Sloop Point	1st Sunday.
Berea			Joseph Brooks	Wallace	3rd Sunday.
Blackwell's			F. J. Dempsey	Wilmington	4th Sunday.
Bethlehem	R. H. Hewlett	Wilmington.	W. C. Keith	Keith	1st Sunday.
Bear Branch	J. D. Hocut	Ashton	W. R. Brinson	Montague	2nd Sunday.
Burgaw	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	C. E. McCullen	Burgaw	3rd Sunday.
Brooklyn	J. L. Vipperman	Wilmington	A. W. Allen	Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Canetuck Chapel	R. H. Hewlett	Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Sr.	Nat Moore	2nd Sunday.
Caswell	R. H. Hewlett	Wilmington.	T. L. Watson	Pt. Caswell	4th Sunday.
Catharine Lake			John Marshburn	Catharine Lake	
Emma's Chapel	J. H. Vanhoi	Cavenaugh	T. A. Marshburn	Richlands	1st Sunday.
Haw Bluff	J. J. Payseur	Atkinson	L. C. Boswell	Atkinson	3rd Sunday.
Harmony	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	B. B. Malpass	Grit	1st Sunday.
Jacksonville	J. W. Wheeler	Wilmington	R. P. Hinton	Jacksonville	3rd Sunday.
Long Creek	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	Joe Whaley	Burgaw	2nd Sunday.
Masonboro			Addison Hewlett	Wilmington	1st Sunday.
Moore's Creek	R. H. Hewlett	Wilmington	W. J. Hollingsworth	Currie	3rd Sunday.
Mount Holly	L. R. Carroll	Warsaw	Isaiah Carroll	South Washington	2nd Sunday.
Olive Branch	E. J. Edwards	Wilmington	T. K. Woody	Wilmington	2nd and 4th Sunday
Olivet	Benj. Ward	Marines	Leslie McAlister	Rocky Point	1st Sunday.
Riley's Creek	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	J. D. Mahn	Rocky Point	4th Sunday.
Shiloh	J. D. Hocut	Ashton	C. C. Woodcock	Atkinson	3rd Sunday.
South Side	C. B. Paul	Wilmington	J. F. Littleton	Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Tar Landing	J. H. Vanhoi	Rose Hill	D. N. Page	Tar Landing	4th Sunday.
Teacheys	W. N. Johnson	Delway	B. F. Teachey	Teacheys	2nd Sunday.
Well's Chapel	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	L. D. Highsmith	Bland	2nd Sunday.
Wilmington			E. S. Lathrop	Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Willard	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	W. F. Bowen	Willard	1st Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Months Open.	Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.
Atkinson	Daniel Lewis	1	8	82	50	12	2 50	2.00	
Barlow's Chapel	James Andrews	1	8	39	35	12	5,00		
Berea	.....	1	4	30	20	3			
Blackwell's	T. A. Watson	1	5	44	24	12	8.00		
Bethlehem	W. N. Anderson	1	5	40	45	12	4.00		
Burgaw	J. T Bland	1	4	21	20	12	...	.....	21.43
Brooklyn	J. H. McDougall	1	16	150	114	12	138.64		
Canetuck	T. W. Marshal	1	5	40	...	12	....	2.50	
Caswell	W. D. Malpass	1	6	47	30	12	18.00		
Catherine's Lake	W. E. Taylor	1	9	35	...	12	8.00		
Emma's Chapel	Ernest Huffman	1	5	40	25	..			
Haw Bluff	W. H. Barnhill	1	4	40	..	12	3 50		
Harmony	W. M. Gurganus	1	6	101	60	12			
Jacksonville	R. P. Hinton	1	..	. .	13	12	12.50		
Long Creek	J. F. Herring	1	4	40	20	12	2.00		
Masonboro	J. P. Herring	1	6	77	40	12	25.00	10 00	
Moore's Creek	N. R. Croom	1	4	20	15	10	2.50		
Mount Holly	Isaiah Carroll	1	4	20	15				
Olive Branch	T. K. Woody	1	5	55	26	12	10 00		
Olivet	F. C. Shepard	1	8	28	16	12	1.48		
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkin	1	4	25	20	12	4.00		
Shiloh	W. T. Moore	1	3	25	20	12	2 80		
South Side	J. S. Canaday	1	14	100	86	12	62.85	27.50	
Tar Landing	D N. Page	1	3	40	30				
Teachey's	A. F. Bland	1	5	40	30	12	6.00		
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	1	.	...	..	12			
Wilmington	C. D. Weeks	1	20	226	157	12			
Willard	R T Rivenbark	1	3	30	20	12	4 00		

SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.				WILLING WORKERS AND SUNBEAMS.			Other Societies.
	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.	
Atkinson	2.50	1.00	2 50	....	1.00	1.00	3.00	.....
Masonboro	....	...	....	10.00	....	....	....	.....
South Side	..	7.00	7.00	....	....	...	7.89	.
Wilmington	39 66	14 67	111 67	..	....	5.00	8.00	243.89